

MINUTES⁹

OF SOME LATE

CONVERSATIONS,

BETWEEN THE

REV. THOMAS COKE, L.L.D.

AND OTHERS.



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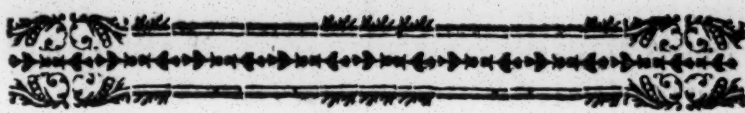
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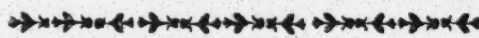
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MINUTES, &c.

DUBLIN, July 8th, 1788.



QUEST. 1. **W**HAT Preachers are *admitted* this Year?

ANSW. Benjamin Pearce.

Q. 2. Who *remain on trial*?

A. John Dinneen, Thomas Verner, Samuel Bates, Thomas Owens, David Gordon, Francis Frazier, Thomas Roberts, John Gillis, Samuel Moorhead, John Grace, Andrew Jefferys, John Black, William Johnson, John Darragh, Francis Armstrong, William M'Cornock, jun. Thomas Hewett, John Melcomson, Thomas Kerr, John West, Hugh Pue.

Q. 3. Who are *admitted on trial*?

A. John Stephens, James Lyons, James M'Mullen, Alex. Moore, Matthew Stewart, Thomas Elliott, Frederick Hamilton, Andrew Hamilton, Robert Smith, Nebuchadnezzar Lee, John Stephenson, William Hamilton, Daniel Graham.

Q. 4. Who has *died* this Year?

A. *John Mealy*, worn out in the Service of his Master: he suffered much in his last Illness, and died triumphant in the Lord.

And *John Burnett*, a very pious, devoted, useful young Man: he continued through a long
Illness

Illness in a very triumphant state of Mind, and departed this Life in extraordinary Triumph.

Q. 5. Are there any objections to any of our Preachers?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 6. Who have desisted from travelling?

A. — — — Robert Lindsay, James Jordan, Robert Armstrong.

Q. 7. How are the Preachers stationed this Year?

A. As follows:

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| 1. <i>Dublin,</i> | A Preacher from England, William Myles. |
| 2. <i>Wexford,</i> | Hugh Moore, Thomas Verner. |
| 3. <i>Waterford,</i> | Richard Condry, Francis Frazier. |
| 4. <i>Cork,</i> | James Rogers, Thomas Roberts. |
| 5. <i>Bandon,</i> | John Kerr, Robert Bridge. |
| 6. <i>Limerick,</i> | Jonathan Brown, Andrew Jefferys. |
| 7. <i>Birr,</i> | Thomas Davies, Gustavus Armstrong. |
| 8. <i>Castlebar,</i> | James M'Donald, Thomas Kerr. |
| 9. <i>Athlone,</i> | John Dinnen, William Wilson. |
| 10. <i>Longford,</i> | Thomas Barbor, John Melcomson. |
| 11. <i>Sligo,</i> | David Gordon, Thomas Hewett. |
| 12. <i>Ballyconnell,</i> | George Brown, John Miller, Francis Armstrong, John Price, Supernumerary. |

14. *Clones,*

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| 13. <i>Clones,</i> | Joseph Armstrong, Samuel
Moorehead, Alexander
Moore. |
| 14. <i>Brookborough,</i> | William M'Cornock, jun.
William Hamilton. |
| 15. <i>Enniskillen,</i> | John Black, Daniel Gra-
ham. |
| 16. <i>Ballyshannon,</i> | James Rennick, Andrew Ha-
milton. |
| 17. <i>Killybegs,</i> | John Stephenson, Thomas
Elliott. |
| 18. <i>Lisleen,</i> | Matthew Stewart, Nebu-
chadnezzar Lee. |
| 19. <i>Omagh,</i> | Samuel Bates, James
M'Mullin. |
| 20. <i>Charlemount,</i> | John Crook, David Bar-
rowclough. |
| 21. <i>Londonderry,</i> | William West, John West. |
| 22. <i>Coleraine,</i> | Matthias Joyce, William
Johnson, John Stephens.
John Howe, supernu. |
| 23. <i>Belfast,</i> | Samuel Mitchell, John Dar-
ragh. |
| 24. <i>Lisburn,</i> | Thomas Hetherington, John
Gillis, Frederic Hamilton,
Hugh Pue, Supernume-
rary. |
| 25. <i>Newry,</i> | Walter Griffith, John
Grace. |
| 26. <i>Tandaragee,</i> | Nehemiah Price, James Ly-
ons, Robert Smith. |

Q. 8. How many Wives are to be provided for?

A. Twelve.

Q. 9. How many of these are to be provided for by the Circuits?

A. Eight: namely, Sister Myles, West, Dinnen, (George) Brown, Stewart, Rennick, Joyce, and Griffith.

Q. 10. In what proportion do the Circuits provide for these?

A. As follows:		English.
Dublin,	_____	24 0 0
Wexford,	_____	1 10 0
Waterford,	_____	2 10 0
Cork,	_____	12 0 0
Bandon,	_____	1 0 0
Limerick,	_____	4 0 0
Birr,	_____	1 10 0
Castlebar,	_____	2 0 0
Athlone,	_____	4 10 0
Longford,	_____	6 0 0
Sligo,	_____	1 0 0
Ballyconnell,	_____	1 10 0
Clones,	_____	7 0 0
Brookborough,	_____	2 0 0
Enniskillen,	_____	3 0 0
Ballyshannon,	_____	1 0 0
Lisleen,	_____	1 0 0
Omagh,	_____	1 0 0
Charlemount,	_____	3 0 0
Londonderry,	_____	1 10 0
Coleraine,	_____	3 0 0
Belfast,	_____	2 10 0
Lisburn,	_____	6 0 0
Tandaragee,	_____	2 10 0
Newry,	_____	1 0 0

In all, 96 0 0

Q. 11. How are the other four Wives, namely, Sister Condry, Crook, Price, and Hetherington, to be provided for?

A. From England.

Q. 12. What Numbers are in the Societies?

A. Dublin,

A. Dublin,	—	1150
Waterford,	—	350
Cork,	—	550
Bandon,	—	280
Limerick,	—	244
Castlebar,	—	344
Athlone,	—	396
Longford,	—	231
Sligo,	—	330
Ballyconnell,	—	750
Clones,	—	1268
Prooborough,	—	648
Enniskillen,	—	655
Ballyshannon,	—	500
Killybeggs,	—	300
Lisleen,	—	327
Omagh,	—	310
Charlemount,	—	838
Londonderry,	—	221
Coleraine,	—	491
Belfast,	—	373
Lisburn,	—	611
Newry,	—	946

In all, 12213

Q. 13. What is the Kingswood Collection?

A. £. 47 11 6.

Q. 14. What Children are admitted this Year?

A. Joseph Rogers, Edward Price.

Q. 15. What is contributed to the Preachers' Fund?

A. £. 59 4 6.

Q. 16. What is allowed out of it?

A. To John Price,	—	12	0	0
Mary Pennington,	—	12	0	0
				For

For John Mealy's Expences during his Illness, and for his Funeral, — 4 17 6

Q. 17. What is contributed for the Yearly Expences?

A. £. 78 15 0.

Q. 18. How was it expended?

A. In supplying the Deficiencies of the Preachers' Salaries, and those of their Wives and Children.

Q. 19. What is contributed for the foreign Missions?

A. £. 56 13 6.

Q. 20. What Houses are to be built this Year?

A. One at Wexford, Ross, Bandon, Ballinrobe, Richill, and Brookborough.

Q. 21. As some gross Sinners have sprung up among us, whom we have expelled in the Name of the Lord, what shall be done to prevent such Evils in future?

A. 1. We beg leave to humble ourselves under the Hand of our gracious God, for these Evils which have sprung up among us, and to return him our fervent Thanksgivings for the Discovery he has made of the Authors of them, and the Strength he has given us to cut off those rotten Members.

2. We appoint the first Friday in next September as a Day of Fasting and Humiliation throughout our Societies, to deprecate the Judgments we have deserved through these and other Evils, and to pray the God of all Grace to carry on the great Revival he has begun among us.

3. We do unanimously resolve in the Fear and Presence of God, that we will in future set ourselves, unitedly and separately, to the utmost reach

reach of our Influence, against all such Persons and Practices.

Q. 22. On strict Examination we have found, that many of the Members of our Society keep private Stills, or sell spirituous Liquors without a Licence, and buy or sell uncustomed Goods, particularly Malt. What shall be done to extirpate these Evils?

A. Let every Assistant be particularly diligent to enforce our Rules against Smuggling. Let them first warn the guilty Persons, and if they do not repent and forsake their Sins, let them be expelled, whether they be rich or poor. And let the Assistants look to this!

Q. 23. Can any thing be done to lighten the great Expences of our Society in Dublin, on account of our annual Conferences?

A. Let every Assistant raise in his Circuit a sufficient Sum to pay for the Expence of his own and his Helpers' Horses during their stay in Dublin.

Q. 24. Are any Directions to be given the Preachers concerning their attendance on their Circuits?

A. Let no Preacher be absent from his Circuit at the Conference-time above one Sunday: let him not leave his Circuit till after the last Sunday before the Conference; and let him be in his appointed Circuit on the first Sunday after the Conference; except on extraordinary occasions

Q. 25. Are there not some Circuits in this Kingdom that are able fully to support their Preachers, and do not?

A. There are: and let the Members of our Society in those Circuits be informed, that they shall

shall have no more Preachers in future than they will fully support.

Q. 26. What Directions are to be given concerning the General Collections?

A. Let the Assistants be diligent and faithful in making them according to the Rules of Conference, and let their Helpers give them all possible Assistance.

To be explicit. 1. Let a private and public Collection be annually made in every Circuit immediately after the Conference for the Support of our most important Missions among the Heathens. 2. Let the Yearly Collection for the sending out Preachers in these Kingdoms, and for the making up of all the Deficiencies in the Salaries of the Preachers' Wives and Children, and for the discharging of all the Expences incurred by Preachers or their Families through Sicknefs, which cannot be otherwise discharged—be made in all the Societies in the month of March. 3. Let the private Collection for the support of our Superannuated Preachers, and the distressed Widows and Orphans of Preachers, be raised in the Month of May. And, lastly, let the Collection for the support of Kingswood School, where the Sons of our married Preachers are educated, boarded and cloathed, be made in all our Congregations about Midsummer.

Q. 27. When and where is the next Conference to be held?

A. At Dublin, on the first Friday in July, 1789.

